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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 35-58,60-68 and 70 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 35-58,60-68 and 70 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 35 and 36 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 October 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 35-36 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 35 on line 1, "the relative" should read --relative--; on line 2, "the chemical" should read --a chemical--; on line 5, "the angle" should read --an angle--; on line 6, "the intensity" should read --an intensity--; on line 10, "the radiation scattering" should read --a radiation scattering--.

In claim 36 on line 2-3, "the diffracted energy" lacks proper antecedent basis.

Similar informalities exist throughout the claims. Appropriate revision/correction of all claims is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 35-58, 60-68 and 70 are allowed over prior art.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior art teaches a method of determining relative amounts of different chemical element in a chemical composition of a crystalline semiconductor material by integrating an intensity of a portion of a diffracted radiation over a portion (window centered on a maximum peak intensity of the diffraction peak) of at least one diffraction peak located at a diffraction angle and determining the relative amounts of the elements by using values derived from a radiation scattering powers of the element and a position and integrated intensity of the portion of the at least one diffraction peak as claimed in independent claims 35 and 70.

None of the prior art teaches a chemical composition analysis apparatus having at least one detector detects diffracted energy at diffraction angles and the at least one detector being couple to a processor to provide signals representative of a position of a diffraction peak and the intensity of the diffraction peak, and the processor arranges to use the signal representative of the position of the diffraction peak and an integrated signal representative of the intensity of the diffraction peak over at least a portion thereof to evaluate a relative amounts of the predetermined chemical elements as claimed in independent claim 60.

Conclusion

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Objections above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoon Song whose telephone number is (571) 272-2494. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5 PM, Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Glick can be reached on (571) 272 - 2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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